

## Flier Explains 'Destruct' Device And Poison Needle

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Francis Gary Powers told a public Senate hearing yesterday how his U-2 plane was brought down from the skies high over Russia 22 months ago by a mysterious, orange-colored explosion.

In calm, self-possessed tones, the Central Intelligence Agency pilot described his ill-fated flight and subsequent interrogation, trial and imprisonment

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as a spy before a packed session of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Earlier, a CIA report was issued saying he lived up to his obligations, and many Senators praised the way he had conducted himself throughout his ordeal.

There was a burst of applause from the spectators, when the Virginia-born former Air Force captain declared:

"There was one thing that I always remembered while I was there and that was that I was an American."

For 90 minutes, Powers told the story of his flight—the first time publicly since his release and return to this country nearly a month ago

—and then answered questions.

Powers cast little new light on what brought down his high-flying plane. He told of "feeling, hearing and just

sensing" an explosion, with "just a slight acceleration of the aircraft" felt in the plane itself.

"I immediately looked up from the instruments and

everywhere I looked was orange," he added.

Powers used a model of the U-2 to show how the plane went out of control and then into a spin.